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(C) We reviewed ref message with Latvian PolDir Peteris Ustubs June 30. Ustubs confirmed that FM Riekstins would travel to Kosovo the week of July 7. Latvia recognized Kosovo's independence back in February and established diplomatic relations in June. During his visit, Riekstins is expected to announce a non-resident Ambassador to Kosovo. Regarding the Paris Donors conference, Ustubs said that Latvia's budgetary situation prevented it from making any monetary contributions, but they would look to provide in-kind assistance. Ustubs suggested that one option the FM would discuss in his trip would be a Latvian advisor to the new Kosovo MFA to help them, especially in relations with the EU and NATO, based on Latvia's own experience. Latvia had provided similar assistance in Moldova previously and found it very effective.
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